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Burns et al.

Serial No.: 09/683,548

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§ Group Art Unit: 1638  
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§ Examiner: Stuart Baum  
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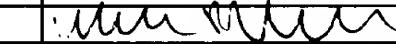
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